Great and Bloody News

FROM

TANGIER,

Or a full and True

RELATION

OF A

Great and dreadful Fight

Which happened on the 3d. of this Instant *November*

Between the

English and the Moors,

And continued for the space of six hours, during which time 2000 of the Moors were slain, and several taken Prisoners, their whole Army consisting of 30000 put all to Flight, with the loss of six pieces of Cannon, and many Ensigns and Standards.

With the Relation how they Cowardly Shot and mortally wounded that Right worthy Gentleman, Sir *Talmes Fairborne*, as he was Riding without the Walls.

As also of the brave Behaviour of the Spanish Horse, who took part with the English, and many other remarkable Passages, the like Victory not having been obtained these many years.

STill in what place soever the English are resident, Victoria Crowns their Arms with good success, their Vallours are as dauntless as in their Native Land, when ever for the honour of their Prince and Countries Renown, Stern *Mars* does summon them into the Bloody Field, as has been seen in their

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many Victories against such ods of Foes as Sunburnt *Affrick* has opposed against our famous Garrison of *Tangier*, which has so long defended it self against a Continent that has one part of the World for its large Portion.

The Relation of the late dreadful Fight as we have it from very good hands, was as followeth, The Moors since the expiration of the Truce, having with an Army of thirty thousand Horse and Foot advanced themselves, making many Lines of Incroachment, Circumvallation and Counacrvaluation, so that by degrees they had brought their main works within a Furlong of the Wall of the Town, and many of their advance Works were so near that with Hand-slings they could throw into the same and hit our Men as they stood upon the Fortifications, as likewise they had planted several great pieces of Cannon upon distant Batteries, which they began to play, which the ever worthy Gentleman Sir *Palmes Fairborne* Governour of the said Garrison perceiving, took a Party of Horse. and Rode without the Walls to observe more narrowly their Approach, but long he had not rode before he unfortunately received a Shot in his Body from one of the Enemies, who lay entrenched upon the Right, which Wound proved so mortal that he fell from his Horse and was carried into the Town, to the great grief of all his Souldiers, but was alive when these Letters came away, the Spanish Horse seeing this, who were about 300 in number, mounted, and violently charged the Moors in the Front, beating them from their works, and were seconded by the English, consisting of about four thousand Horse and Foot, under the Command of Collonel *Sackville*, the Van being composed of the Spanish Horse, and the English Horse making a right Wing to the Main Body, the Sally being made on the third of *November* between eleven and twelve of the Clock at Night, as well hoping to surprize the Moors in their Trenches or Works, but that expectation failed, for the Sentinels upon the approach of the Garrison gave the Alarm to the whole Army, who came up very resolutely, but were as bravely repulsed, for the Spanish Horse and our English Foot breaking into their Ranks, put them into great disorder, and made great Slaughter amongst their best men, so that our main Body pressing on with undanted Resolution, The Enemies were forced to Abandon their Trenches, and fly to their Army for shelter, many of them being killed in the flight. After two hours

Dispute

Diſpute the Moors *Horſe* retired and left their Foot to Diſpute it with our *Horſe* and Foot, who though they were ſix times as many yet the Shot preſſing on, and the Charge increaſing on all ſides, they began to ſhrink together, yet being encouraged by ſome Chriſtian Runagadoes, they made ſome ſmall reſiſtance during which their diſordered *Horſe* had put themſelves into a tollerable poſture, and rallied, who being met and Charged by the *Engliſh* Horſe, who were then advanced in the Front of the Battel, a number of them were killed upon the Place, and ſome taken Priſoners, ſo that the Fight continued very ſmartly, for though many of the Moors were ſlain, yet they being ſo numerous ſtill brought up freſh ſupplies to fill up the Gaps Death Made. Yet were they as often put to the worſt, diſordered, and at laſt totally routed. The Collonel himſelf, who all the time behaved himſelf Gallantly, and encouraged the *Engliſh*, he with ſeveral other brave Commanders, and about eight hundred Foot forced their main Body which was drawn up. and fronted with Muſqueteers and Harquebuſſers, ſo that their Orders being again broken and many of their prime Commanders ſlain, they began to ſhew the ſmall liking they had to continue the Battel.

Several of them turning their backs, ruſhed through the Ranks of their own friends, and fled, diſordering them in many places, which our Commanders obſerving, took the advantage of their Confuſion, and ere they could cloſe the points of their Circle; killed a number of them, whilſt this was doing in the Front, the Horſe that ſerved for our Right Wing, charged them ſo furiouſly in the Front, that they were forced there likewiſe to open their orders, which their General obſerving, came to the ſide in great haſt, to ſtay his flying Souldiers, but could by no means do it, ſo that finding himſelf worſted on all ſides, he gave order to ſound a Retreat, whereupon the Engliſh were ſo encouraged, that they purſued them with great Slaughter for the ſpace of two Miles, but not thinking it convenient to venture any further for fear of an Ambuſcade they returned, having taken 7 or 8 of their *Enſigns*, killed about 2000 of their Men, and taken about 30 Priſoners with 5 or 6 pieces of Canon, ſo that having cleared the Field and layed the Moors dead bodies up in ſeveral piles, they returned and filled up all their Trenches, and demoliſhed their Votes, they returned Victorious into the Town. There were in this Action about 10 or 12 of the Spaniards killed, and about 100 Engliſh, among whom we do not hear of any Officers of Note when they were come into the Town, for the better encouragement of the Souldiers, each who had taken an enſign received thirty pounds, and thoſe who took the Priſoners, who were about 20 in number, had free leave to make the beſt of them, This action had cauſed a general Joy to the In-

habitants

habitants, had it not been dashed with the unfortunate hurt of our Governour, not long after the Moors desired a Truce to bury their dead. which was granted upon the 8th of the same Instant, they having been Reinforced, made an other Attempt, but were as bravely repulsed with considerable Slaughter. The particulars of which, we shall shortly give you a faithful account of; farther, we have Letters that Informs us, the Earl of Plymouth by reason of his tedious Voyage at Sea, fell into some dispositon which turned into a Feaver, of which he dyed, &c.

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